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Featured Librarian: Deb Polacek,
Harvard Public Schools



The only person I know who plays the accordion is Deb Polacek from Harvard, NE. She plays in a band called the Accordionettes and another band called Sue and the Blue River Czechs. In the summertime, she plays in the Milligan Brass Band. She also has been the Media Specialist at Harvard Public Schools for 28 years. In the past, she taught Speech and English. At present, she is teaching 4th grade library skills, and has elementary guidance once a week with each grade and she coaches speech, drama and the one act play. Two years ago, Deb's husband, Marvin, took a job in Washington State. So he lives there and commutes during time

off. So far it is working and they don't want to move to Washington as their son Carl and wife live in Clatonia and he works at Wilderness Ridge in Lincoln as a chef. He trained with Oren, the master chef from Central Community College in Hastings.

When Deb and I talked about her job as Media Specialist, she kept emphasizing how important interlibrary loan is to the students in Harvard and to her as a Media Specialist. She said she doesn't know if librarians in bigger places realize how very important the Library Commission and the Library Systems are to small libraries. The support NLC and RVLS give her make her job much easier and when you have a job where you are pulled in many different directions, anything that makes your job easier is important.

The job of media specialist changed significantly during the years Deb has been in Harvard with the advent of the computer in libraries and the on-line public access for library circulation and cataloging. The internet access for research has changed the way students work. The computer is the first source for research and students don't read as much as they did in the past. Most students are involved in the "busyness" of extra-curricular activities. Assessments have made a stronger push on the techniques of reading rather than the

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pleasure of reading. Harvard Public Schools has Accelerated Reader and Deb handles some of the ordering. Harvard also has internet classes called Odysseyware Online. This web-based learning offers classes for students in both remedial and advanced classes. Students need to be self-motivated to take these courses, but internet learning seems to be the future.

Deb and I talked about where the media center/library fits in this new learning environment. She feels students still need the climate of the library. Students need the opportunity to browse books for pleasure, to touch reading materials and to sit in a library and study. I really hadn't considered the tactile need that libraries supply to learners. Educators know that learning is enhanced with touch in subjects such as touch math. Perhaps this is why the new touch screen phones and computers are very popular......



Interesting observation! Maybe Deb's musician brain understands this need better than I do, but I think she may be right.

By Sherry Houston



GREENING OF THE LIBRARY

"Education buildings account for 13 percent of total commercial energy use in the country, more than all hospitals and all medical buildings combined."

2009-2010 RVLS Board Meetings

President - Judy Grandstaff

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Members:

Tony Anderson, Vicki Casper, Beth Falla, Jane Hilton, Terri Johnson, Mo Khamouna Mary Nelson, Sylvia Person, Nancy Sherwood, and Dana Wade

All meetings begin at 10 am.
Your attendance is encouraged and welcomed!



Friday, March 5, 2010
Lied Imperial Public Library—Imperial

Friday, June 4, 2010—Annual Meeting
North Platte, NE



RVLS NEWS

Youth Grants for Excellence Awarded

The Nebraska Library Commission awarded grants to public libraries and library entities to assist in providing improved services to children and young adults and to provide continuing education and training opportunities for children and young adult librarians. The RVLS libraries receiving grants are: Fairfield Public Library "Bedtime Stories and R.E.A.D.", Holdrege Public Library-"Alphabet Backpacks", the Republican Valley Library System, along with three other systems, received a grant for "Bridging the Gender Gap: Enticing Boys to Books". Congratulations to the recipients.

The RVLS car will be heading to Oklahoma City in April for the Mountain Plains Library Association

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Convention "Explore the Possibilities". If you are interested in attending and need a ride, the car leaves Monday April 19th and will return either April 21st or April 22nd. For more information about the convention see: http://www.oklibs.org/modx/events/Conferences.htm



Karen Hyman, Executive Director of South Jersey Regional Cooperative will be in Hastings on May 20-21. She will do a workshop for Hastings Public Library Employees on May 20 and a session for any other interested people on May 21st at Hastings Public Library. She was in Nebraska several years ago in North Platte and Wahoo and her message about **customer service** and cultural change in libraries was so powerful, RVLS is thrilled she is returning to Nebraska. I hope you will mark your calendar for May 21st. More information will be available in the next ValleyTalk.

Nelson Public Library was one of 40 libraries in the United States chosen to host the tour "Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery" traveling exhibit from ALA.

Would you like to be a Repulbican Valley Library System Board Member or do you know someone in your community who has interest in libraries and would like to be a member of the RVLS Board? The elections will be held at the annual meeting scheduled for June 4, 2010.

The RVLS Board meets 5 times a year for approximately 2 hours at different sites in the system. A term is three years and you could serve for two terms. We pay mileage for your travels, and we always have coffee and rolls.

If you or someone you know, who lives within RVLS, would like to be on our ballot, please notify Judy Grandstaff, RVLS Board President, Blue Hill Public Library, P O Box 278, Blue Hill, NE 68930, phone: 402-756-2701 or e-mail: bhpublibr@gtmc.net or RVLS Director, Sherry Houston, Republican Valley Library System, 2727 West 2nd St. Suite #233, Hastings, NE 68901, phone: 402-462-1975 and we will forward a nomination form to you. Nominations need to be submitted by May 1, 2010.



Hastings Public Library has added a used bookstore called the Friendshop House to the back of the library. The Hastings Friends Group runs the bookstore. The inviting room is a nice addition to HPL.

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RVLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$100.00 per event for registration, mileage, meal, etc.	
Only one scholarship per person per fiscal year	
All member libraries eligible	9. 8
Name	
Library	
Event_	
Date of event	
Scholarship requested for	(meal, room, etc.)
Amount requested	
Other information:	Send to: Republican Valley Library System 2727 W. 2 nd # 233, Hastings, NE 68901



Special Events Calendar

March

7—13 Teen Tech Week for information, ideas and resources

:http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/y alsa/teentechweek/ttw10/home10.cf m

April

11-17 National Library Week

12— National Drop Everything and Read Day

30— Children's Day/Book Day

May

10-16 Children's Book Week

Outstanding Public Library/ Public Health Partnership Awards

Awards will be offered by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, MidContinental Region to recognize public libraries that have had successful public library/public health partnerships involving health information. Recipients will receive a \$200 cash award or gift.

Nomination Requirements and Eligibility:

- 1. Public library must be an Affiliate or Full Network Member of the NN/LM, MCR. Not a member? Join today, it's FREE http://nnlm.gov/mcr/services/network/index.html.
- 2. Partnership must be between a public library and a public health entity. An entity encompasses those organizations whose focus is to protect and improve the health of a community through education, promotion of healthy lifestyles, and research for disease and injury prevention.
 - 3. Nominations must demonstrate the success of the partnership
 - 4. Self-nominations are encouraged

Examples of outstanding partnerships can include, but are not limited to:

1. Partnerships to improve access to health information for underserved/vulnerable populations

Nomination Process:

- 1. A summary of the public library/public health partnership supporting success with anecdotes or evidence
- 2. Do not exceed four typed pages or 1,000 words (double-spaced; minimum 12-point type size)
- 3. Provide complete contact information, including name, address, phone/fax number and e-mail address of the nominee and nominator
- 4. Nominations should be submitted in MS Word and sent via email to Dana Abbey @ dana.abbey@ucdenver.edu
 - 5. Questions? Please contact Dana Abbey at toll free 1-800-338-7657

Nominations must be received by: March 16, 2010.

-It's Your Move



Check Out Our New Poetry Trunk

Omaha Children's Museum received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to participate in the **BIG READ** for students across Nebraska. The poetry of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is the topic of the BIG READ grant. **The Children's Museum created trunks filled with poetry, crafts and items to study Longfellow's poetry.** Each system received a trunk and we will loan it to your library or school. Each trunk has teacher's guides, craft items, even a magnetic poetry board. This is a wonderful addition to a poetry unit or story time. We have enough Reader's Guides so each student may keep one. **You can check the trunk out for 3 weeks.** It is a bit heavy to mail so we will try to deliver and pick up, if possible. **Please call or e-mail and book the Poetry Trunk. It will make poetry fun!**

RVLS thanks the Omaha Children's Museum for creating this terrific project for the students of Nebraska and including us in the project.

Nebraska Libraries Can Legally Show Movies

The Nebraska Library Commission has again funded a **statewide license for public viewing of motion pictures** in Nebraska public libraries. With this license, through Movie Licensing USA, Inc., motion pictures may be shown as part of library services and programming at the library through September 30, 2010. For more information see http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/motionpicture.html or contact Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission Children and Young Adult Library Services Coordinator, 402-471-4003, 800-307-2665.

Dollar General Scholarships

The American Library Association (ALA) received a \$750,000 two year grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to continue "The American Dream Starts @ your library". This new round of funding will help 70 public libraries in Dollar General communities expand their literacy services for adult English language learners.

To be eligible, the applicant institution must be a public library or a public library with a bookmobile providing literacy services for adult English language learners, and must be within 20 miles of a Dollar General Store, distribution center, or corporate office. Each funded library will receive a onetime \$5,000 grant.

In 2007, ALA received a similar grant from Dollar General for resource development and library mini grants. In 2008, ALA funded 34 public libraries in 18 states serving communities from under 850 to over a million. Funds were used for collections, outreach, technology, media promotion, and more!

Applications for funding are being accepted online through Sunday, February 28, 2010. Selected applicants will be notified in April, 2010.

To learn more about the American Dream Starts @ your library, the mini grants and to apply online, please visit www.americandreamtoolkit.

Ellison on the Move

Here's the schedule for the Ellison, if you want on the schedule please contact us, or if it is near you, perhaps you could work out something with your neighbor.

February 15, 2010— Central Community College—Hastings, NE

March 19, 2010— Summer Reading @ Elwood, NE

March 20, 2010—Perkins County High School Grant, NE

April 1st, 2010— Hastings Memorial Library —Grant, NE

May 1st, 2010—Beaver City Public Library

June 1st, 2010, Available

July 1st, 2010—Available

August 1, 2010—Available

September 1, 2010— Available

October 1, 2010—Sutton Elementary School

November 1, 2010— Southern Valley Public Schools Oxford, NE

If you would like to schedule the Ellison for your facility, please email us at:

rvlsasst@inebraska.com or

rvlsadmin@inebraska.com

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On the Bookshelf

The following audiobooks have <u>recently</u> been added to the RVLS Collection:

- Noah's Compass by Tyler, Anne
- **Committed** by Gilbert, Elizabeth
- Drive by Pink, Daniel H.
- Mennonite in a Little Black Dress by Janzen, Rhoda
- That Old Cape Magic by Russo, Richard
- *Her Fearful Symmetry* by Niffenegger, Audrey
- Nanny Returns by McLaughlin, Emma and Kraus, Nicola
- *The Magicians* by Grossman, Lev
- Stones into Schools by Mortenson, Greg
- *Conquering Fear* by Kushner, Harold S.
- **Too Much Money** by Dunne, Dominick
- *The Year of the Flood* by Atwood, Margaret
- *The Case for God* by Armstrong, Karen

A complete listing of our available materials is on our web page nlc.state.ne.us/system/republican under Services

Request for Comment: Public Library Accreditation Guidelines

The current *Guidelines for Public Library Accreditation* were approved by the Nebraska Library Commissioners May 14, 2004. It is now time to look at them again to see if any changes might be in order. Go to the live link listed below to enter any comments you wish. You'll notice that the guidelines are listed as they appear in the print version. The comment period on these guidelines ends October 31, 2010 after which they will be submitted to the Commissioners for their consideration.

Richard Miller will have 2 Valley Visits to discuss changes in these guidelines. (see page 11) If you have any questions about this process, contact <u>Richard Miller</u>.

To post comments go to

http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/accreditation/guidelinescomment2011.asp.



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Summer Reading Program Workshop March 19th, 2010

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Elwood, NE

9:30 am—2:45 pm



9:30—11:00 a.m.	"Splashing	Thru	Books"	with	Sally	Sny	/der
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NE Library Commission

11:00—12:00 "Splashing Each Other" (Show and Share) with RVLS

All participants are encouraged to bring craft

ideas to share with others.

12:00-12:45 Lunch

12:45—2:45 p.m. "Splashing Away Your Summer"

Presenter: Jody Crocker, McCook Public Library

2:45-?? Complete Evaluation and Use the Ellison

OR

Network with other participants



Summer Reading Workshop—Registration Required by March 15, 2010

Send to: Republican Valley Library System	Workshop Fee: \$15.00 (includes lunch)
2727 West 2nd St. #233	Phone: 402-462-1975 or

Hastings, NE 68901 1-800-569-4961

Or e-mail: rvlsasst@inebraska.com or rvlsadmin@inebraska.com

Name:_____ Library:____

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School Library conference

June 4-15

W.H. Thompson Alumni Center University of Nebraska at Omaha



Cassandra Barnett

President-Elect American Association of School Librarians (AASL)

Pam Berger

Publisher and Editor of Information Searcher & Author of Internet for Active Learners (ALA Editions)



Brought to you by the UNO College of Education School Library Media Programs in partnership with the Nebraska Educational Media Association and the University of Nebraska - Kearney Library Media Program

Questions should be directed to



Dr. Becky Pasco, UNU School Library Media Program Coordinator, 402		Omah
2010 Heartland School Library Con		Registration Form
First Name:	Last Name:	
School District:	Mailing Addre	ss:
Phone Number:	E-Mail Address	s:
Registration Fee: \$50	Day(s) Attend	
Registration fee is the same for 1 or 2-day attendance. NO on-site registration. Lunch & dinner on your own.		onday Tuesday Both Days
Checks and Purchase Orders accepted. NO cash or credit cards accepte		Check if you would like more information
Make checks payable to: University of Nebras		about how to get graduate credit through attendance at conference and related activities.
Mail Registration Form & Payment by May 1, 20	010, to:	

Deanna Reilly, College of Education, 534 Kayser Hall, UNO, 6001 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68182-0163

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Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting January 8, 2010 10:00 a.m.

RVLS System Office 2727 West Second Street #233

Hastings NE 68901

Meeting Held by Teleconference (PC Conferencing)

To hear a recording of the teleconference board meeting, dial 1-800-839-9418 and enter 8602698 when prompted for your recording reference number.

PRESENT: Suzann Christensen, Beth Falla, Judy Grandstaff, Jane Hilton, Terri Johnson, Mary Nelson, Sylvia Person, Nancy Sherwood, Dana Wade

ABSENT: Tony Anderson, Vicki Casper, Mo Khamouna

ALSO PRESENT: Sherry Houston (System Director), Steve Batty (RVLS Nebraska Library Commissioner), Richard Miller (Nebraska Library Commission Representative)

AGENDA

Call to Order/Introductions/Roll Call: Following a flurry of "Hello?" "Are you there?" "Who is this?", we determined that everyone had successfully dialed in and Judy Grandstaff called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Roll call was taken.

Approval of November 6, 2009 Board Meeting: The minutes of the November 6, 2009 stand approved as written and were filed. [Secretary's note: **Thank you, thank you to Terri Johnson who took those minutes in my absence!**]

Financial Report/Audit: Bound copies of the audit will be mailed to board members. Sherry reported that the audit went well, the auditor found nothing controversial, and we are doing fine financially. We have expended 46% of our budget to date. Costs for a PC Conferencing meeting will be \$25 - \$50, as opposed to normal meetings which cost RVLS \$900 - \$1,000 in mileage. Comments regarding our audio-only meeting: it is not as effective but with a limited agenda it works fine. We thanked Sherry for forwarding Richard Miller's NLC report to the board via e-mail. Richard embeds links in his report which is very helpful. Sherry fielded questions about the financial report and it was filed for audit.

Correspondence: Sherry received a thank you note from North Platte Public Schools for the Book Lover's calendar.

Administrator's Report: [A detailed copy of the administrator's report is in each board member's packet.] Sherry delivered all but 24 calendars and reported that librarians and school library media specialists were all happy to see her. She encountered two non-functioning libraries (Ruskin and Oak) and those names will be removed from our lists. Sherry's report listed a number of workshops and meetings that she has attended.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan: The Strategic Plan was mailed to board members. Comments included that we felt it is very impressive – a good plan – very inclusive – and very well written. A motion was made by Mary Nelson and seconded by Jane Hilton to accept the 2009-2011 Republican Valley Library System Plan of Service as written. Motion carried, roll call vote. (Voting YES: Christensen, Falla, Grandstaff, Hilton, Johnson, Nelson, Person, Sherwood, Wade)

Meeting With Skype or PC Conferencing: We discussed the merits of a board meeting with Skype, GoToMeeting, or PC Conferencing. All are audio-only; Skype and GoToMeeting require a computer with microphone and web access. GoToMeeting can be arranged through NLC. It was suggested that the board have a mini-meeting (fifteen minutes) using GoToMeeting prior to a full board meeting to see if it works effectively. RVLS libraries can contact Jeannette Powell at the Nebraska Library Commission (jeannette.powell@nebraska.gov) or (800) 307-2665 or (402) 471-7740 to request a free computer microphone. Sherry would like to have us schedule an audio-only board meeting in 2011 (possibly January or March).

Beth will get information to Sherry about overnight accommodations in Imperial prior to the March meeting. Sherry will forward that information to board members. Sylvia left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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Old Business—continued

Grant Update: A youth grant was awarded for Meridian, Panhandle, Northeast, and RVLS systems for boys and reading entitled Bridging the Gender Gap: Enticing Boys to Books. It will be presented by Carol Fiore at two sites (September 14 in Aurora and September 15 in Paxton). Continuing Education workshops were awarded for Jim Conner (Trustees presentation in Lexington and Wahoo) and the Black Belt Librarian/Security in Libraries (NLA/NEMA preconference in Grand Island on October 13).

Workshops: Cook 'n' the Books workshop will be held January 29 at the Hastings Public Library. On March 19, the summer reading workshop will be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Elwood.

NEW BUSINESS

2010-2011 Budget: Rod Wagner strove to maintain NLC's budget but the legislature issued a 2.5% cut. Library systems will not see their budgets cut for this year but may see a decrease in the next year of the biennium. Sherry indicated that a 5% cut for RVLS would be approximately \$3,000. Richard said that any savings from this year's budget will roll over to next year's. Mary indicated that a cost analysis and seeking places to cut costs should begin immediately. Judy said that RVLS currently is very stable financially but agreed with Mary that we need to look closely at our budget.

Big Read Trunk: The Omaha Children's Museum, with assistance from the library systems' directors, applied for and received a National Endowment for the Arts grant entitled "The Big Read 2010: Celebrating the Poetry of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow". Each of the library system offices will receive a poetry trunk which may be shared by libraries in each system.

Library Legislative Day: February 9 is Library Legislative Day, which according to Judy is "a fun, worthwhile, and valuable day". As we have done in the past, RVLS will pay for the four RVLS senators' meals (\$80). Each senator's library representative should let his/her senator know that lunches were funded by RVLS.

Miscellaneous: Patty Hall's departure from the board/area/state left the RVLS board without a vice president. Judy asked that board members consider appointing or electing a vice president at the March meeting. Terri offered Mary Nelson's name as a candidate. Mary said she would think about it. (Another thought: If the person who accepts the position of vice president would consider assuming the RVLS board presidency at the end of terms in June, it would make the transition to new leadership somewhat easier.)

NLC Commissioner Report (Steve Batty): The position of McCook Public Library Director has been advertised and five applications (all out-of-state) have been received. The application process will close at the end of January. Steve requested information/concerns to take to the next Commissioners' meeting on January 29. Sherry shared that an ALA traveling exhibit "Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery" has been awarded to the Nelson Public Library.

NLC Representative Report (Richard Miller): Richard's report was distributed via e-mail with board members. (Thank you, Richard!) If you would like an itemized list of the topics shared, please contact Suzann (suzannc@frontiernet.net) and a copy will be forwarded to you.

We all hung up our phones and the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m. Suzann and Nancy (but mostly Suzann) ate the cookies that Sherry provided.

Suzann Christensen, Recording Secretary

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Valley Visits



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Changes in Public Library Accreditation Guidelines

presented by Richard Miller, NLC

Richard will ask for your input about the Public Library Accreditation Guidelines and how they can and should be changed to make them relevant for today's library.

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March 4, 2010

11:00 —12:30 am 10:00 — 11:30 am

RVLS Office/Landmark Center McCook Community College

Main Floor Conference Room von Riesen Library

2727 West 2nd Street 1205 East 3rd

McCook, NE 69001 Hastings, NE 68901

Let us know if you are coming, so we have enough donuts!

Call 402-462-1975 or 1-800-569-4961

OR e-mail: rvlsadmin@inebraska.com or rvlsasst@inebraska.com

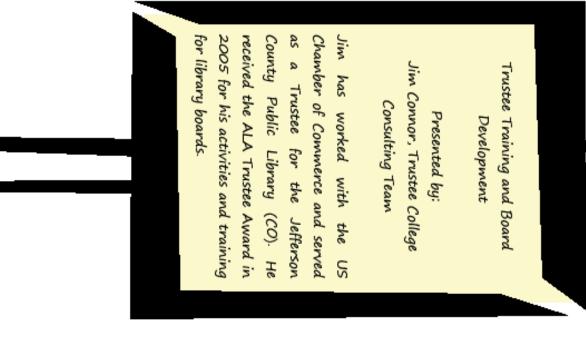
NASA Invites Museums and Libraries to Apply for Free Space Shuttle Artifacts

Museums and libraries are invited to apply for free NASA space shuttle artifacts, including small items such as ★astronaut helmets, gloves, and boots, and large items such as shuttle Motion Based Simulators and Crew Compartment Trainers. NASA will retire the Space Shuttle Program at the end of 2010 and is eager for the public to ★learn about the wonders of space exploration through museum and library exhibitions. The Institute of Museum ★ 🛪 and Library Services is helping NASA reach out to eligible institutions, including museums attended by the public 🛪 and free libraries serving all residents of a community, district, state, or region.

Museums and libraries must first be determined as eligible through the State Agency for Surplus Property in their state. Artifacts, which will be released as they are no longer needed by the Space Shuttle Program, may be viewed by eligible institutions that have been given a log-on and password at the Web site http://gsaxcess.gov/ ☆ **★**NASAWel.htm. $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$

The artifacts are free, but eligible recipients must cover shipping and special handling fees. Shipping fees on smaller items will be relatively inexpensive, while larger items may involve extensive disassembly, preparation, shipping, and reassembly costs. NASA will work closely with potential recipients, on a case by case basis, to address any unique special handling costs.

The artifacts are offered in batches. A new batch of artifacts will be made available in January 2010. For the ☆ latest information about NASA shuttle transition and artifacts, visit http://www.nasa.gov/transition. ********* PAGE 12 VALLEYTALK



Audience: Boards of Trustees and Library Directors

Workshop Goals:

- Trustees will understand their roles and responsibilities
- Trustees will understand the library director's roles and responsibilities
- Trustees will conduct effective meetings
- Trustees will become advocates for the library
- Trustees will recognize and utlize their power as an administrative board

Offered at two locations. Please note the cost difference.

April 26, 2010	April 29, 2010
Wahoo Public Library	North Platte Community College
627 N Broadway, Wahoo, NE	1101 Halligan Dr #102, North Platte, NE
Cost: \$15.00	Cost \$5
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Morning Session	9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Morning Session
12:00—1:00 p.m. Lunch included	12:00—1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
1:00—4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session	1:00—4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session
Mail registration to: Meridian Library System	em Or Phone: 1-800-657-2192
3423 2nd Avenue, Suite 6	508-254-2087
Kearney, NE 68847	Email: meridian@frontiernet.net
Registration:	
Name:	Choose One
Library:	□ Wahoo Location \$15
City:	□ North Platte Location \$5
Phone:	This program is sponsored by the Nebraska Library commission and funded in part with
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Email:

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Mark Your Calendar



- February 9......Library Legislative Day http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/legdayreg.htm
- March 2Valley Visit— 1.5 CE (See Page 11)
- March 4Valley Visits—1.5 CE (See Page 11)
- March 19.....Summer Reading Workshop (See Page 7)
- April 8UNK Workshop (see Page 14)
- April 26, 27Jim Connor Trustee Workshop (see Page 12)
- May 21.....Karen Hyman in Hastings
- June 4......Annual Meeting
- June 14, 15Heartland School Library Conference (see Page 8)
- September 14, 15......Carol Fiore– Boys and Books
- October 13.....Black Belt Librarian
- October 14, 15.....NLA/NEMA, Grand Island
- College of Dupage on-line webinars http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/reserve/dupageflyer0192010.pdf

Basic Skills

"Basic Skills-Organization of Materials" will be offered in North Platte at the North Platte Community College, 1101 Halligan Drive on May 4, 11, 18th and in Grand Island at the Grand Island Community College, 3134 W. Hwy 34. Room 453, on May 6, 13 and 20. You can attend at either site during the class. Registration will be on the NLC training calendar. To register for the classes:

http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp?Month2Show=5/1/2010

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FREE WORKSHOP

April 8, 2010 Computer Lab Calvin T Ryan Library at UNK 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

> 9:00 a.m.—11:45 a.m. Morning Session 11:45 a.m.—1:15 p.m. Lunch on your own 1:15 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session

There is a 15 minute break scheduled during each session. Coffee and refreshments will be provided starting at 8:30 a.m. and during breaks.

Morning Session

Government Documents: Learn how to find government information on the Web. The session will be presented by Government Documents Librarian Diana Keith and will feature UNK's Government Documents web page with links that are useful to public libraries and schools.





Afternoon Session

This presentation will spotlight the use of free web tools that can help transform communications and services to library users. Browser add-ons such as LibX and Zotero will be featured, in addition to real-world library applica tions of Blogger, Wordpress, Ning and Del.icio.us. This session will be presented by Jon Ritterbush, Electronic Resource Librarian at Calvin T. Ryan Library, UNK.

Mail registration to: Meridian Library System 3423 2nd Avenue, Suite 6 Kearney, NE 68847 Phone: 1-800-657-2192 308-234-2087



In case of inclement weather, please call the System Office to see if the workshop will be held.

500-234-2007 This workshap is co-appropried by Meridian Library System and Republican Valley Library System

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Name:	Choose One		
Library:		Morning Session	
City:		Afternoon Session	
Phone:		Both	
Fmail:			

AWARD WINNERS

For Children and Young Adult Books

John Newbery Medal for most outstanding contribution to children's literature "When You Reach Me," written by Rebecca Stead, is the 2010 Newbery Medal winner. Four Newbery Honor Books also were named: "Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice" by Phillip Hoose; "The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate" by Jacqueline Kelly; "Where the Mountain Meets the Moon" by Grace Lin; and "The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg" by Rodman Philbrick.

Randolph Caldecott Medal for most distinguished American picture book for children.

"The Lion & the Mouse," illustrated and written by Jerry Pinkney, is the 2010 Caldecott Medal winner. Two Caldecott Honor Books also were named: "All the World," illustrated by Marla Frazee, written by Liz Garton Scanlon; and "Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors," illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski, written by Joyce Sidman.

Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults "**Going Bovine,**" written by Libba Bray, is the 2010 Printz Award winner.

Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award recognizing an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults. "Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal," written by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, is the King Author Book winner. The book is illustrated by R. Gregory Christie.

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"My People," illustrated by Charles R. Smith Jr., is the King Illustrator Book winner. The book was written by Langston Hughes.

Pura Belpré (Author) Award

"Return to Sender," written by Julia Alvarez, is the Belpré Author Award winner.

Pura Belpré (Illustrator) Award honoring a Latino writer and illustrator whose children's books best portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience. "Book Fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day; Celebremos El día de los niños/El día de los libros," illustrated by Rafael López, is the Belpré Illustrator Award winner. The book was written by Pat Mora.

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for most distinguished beginning reader book "Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!," written and illustrated by Geoffrey Hayes is the Geisel Award winner.

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